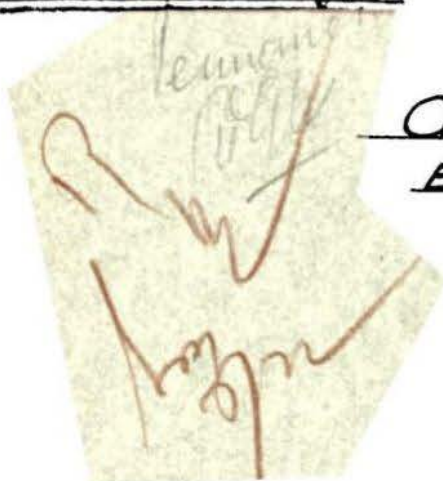


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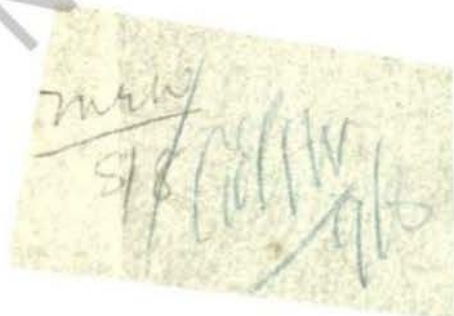
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My dear Baxter,

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You will remember the friendly interest that Ibn Saud takes in the Zubara dispute between Bahrain and Qatar. This is mentioned in my despatch No. 18 (222/469/3) dated February 1st, 1938. There is also a reference which I cannot now trace, in a despatch about a later conversation with Ibn Saud himself on that and other subjects.

Shaikh Yusuf referred to the subject just before I left Riyadh. He said that Ibn Saud had spoken about it, not officially, of course, but personally, to the Political Agent at Bahrain when he was there in May, and he now wished to give me a personal message, reminding me of the interest which he as an Arab ruler takes in the matter and expressing the hope that His Majesty's Government would be able to bring about a settlement. I accepted this communication as a personal message and thanked Shaikh Yusuf for it, and added that the King could hardly suppose that His Majesty's Government viewed with anything but regret the continuation of a dispute between two of the Arab rulers in the Persian Gulf.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Political Resident in the Gulf, and a copy to the Political Agent at Bahrain.

Yours ever,

(Signed) R.W. Bullard.

C.W. Baxter, Esq., C.M.G., M.C.,

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